

Remarks

Claims 1-15 are pending.

Claims 1-5, 7-9, 14 and 15 are amended.

Claims 6 and 10-13 are original.

The first line in each of claims 1-3, 8 and 9 and the sixth line of claim 3 are amended to delete the term "the" preceding the word "formula" and to insert the identifying label, e.g. (I), (I'), (I'') etc, of the referred to formula directly after the word "formula". Support is inherent within the claims.

Claims 1 and 2 are further amended to delete the terms "the direct bond" and "the functionally effective group" from the description of Y and Z and to replace the terms with "a direct bond" and "a functionally effective group".

Claims 4 and 5 are also amended to delete the terms "the direct bond" and "the functionally effective group" from the description of Y and Z and to replace the terms with "a direct bond" and "a functionally effective group".

Claim 5 is further amended to delete the phrase "an ester group selected from the group consisting of".

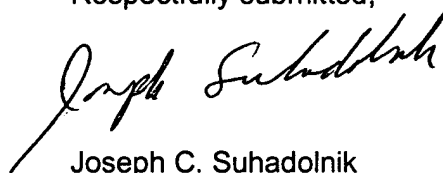
Claim 7 is amended to make it dependent on claim 6.

Claims 14 and 15 are amended to delete informal "Use of" language. Claim 15 is further amended to remove multiple ranges.

No new matter is added.

Consideration of the present claims on their merits is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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